# Travis Zhang

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#### Education

#### Cornell University, College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- **Relevant Courses:** Multivariable Calculus, Discrete Structures, OOP and Data Structures, Introduction to Machine Learning **Hamilton High School**, Chandler, AZ July 2016 – May 2020

- Weighted GPA: 4.927/5.0, Unweighted GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Relevant Courses: Multivariable Calculus, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, AP Java, AP Physics C: Mechanics and E & M
- Honors: Steve Sanghi Scholarship Award, Andy Grove Intel Scholarship, Impact Scholarship,
   National Honor Society Semifinalist Scholarship, Worth & Dot Howard Foundation Scholarship

#### Experience

## ASU Robust Machine Learning Group

Student Researcher

Tempe, Arizona

Sep 2020 - May 2024

April 2019 – Present

- Applied transformation-invariant constraints on adversarial training using Tensorflow to improve Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) performance
- Implemented 3 algorithms to reduce time for loss to converge for proposed methodology (up to 60% reduction)
- Designed and implemented optimization algorithms in Pytorch to fool a Deep RL agent in a realistic scenario

## University of Central Florida's Competitive Programming Camp

Student

Orlando, Florida

June 2017 – July 2017

- Learned about various competitive programming algorithms including Dijkstra's algorithm and Prim's algorithm
- Competed in 5+ programming competitions at the camp

## ASU Signal, Information, Networks, and Energy Laboratory

Tempe, Arizona

Student Researcher

Sep 2017 - April 2018

- Created program to temporally and spatially interpolate power outputs of solar panels using Python libraries
- Analyzed patterns in cloud coverage and temperature to account for fluctuations in power output

## Leadership Activities

## Cornell Data Science

Ithaca, New York

Incoming Member for the Intelligent Systems Subteam

Nov 2020 – Present

**Associate of Computer Science Undergraduates** 

Ithaca, New York
Oct 2020 – Present

Academic Officer

- Helped organize and host academic events including Research Night and internship/research panels

#### Hamilton Robotics Team (7)

Chandler, Arizona

Aug 2016 – May 2020

Head of Electrical, Head of Communications

- Designed robot using Solidworks and used CNC router and mill to build precise parts

Programmed autonomous, teleoperated, and vision code for robot using Java and FRC WPI Library

#### Mathworks Math Modeling Challenge &

Team Leader

Chandler, Arizona

Jan 2019 – Feb 2020

- Developed and implemented mathematical models in Python to solve real-world problems
- Wrote a 15+ page research paper to report experimental designs and results

## **Personal Projects**

## HackOurCampus Hackathon (7)

Aug 2020 - Sep 2020

- Designed iOS app that reminded students to bring both COVID-related and personal items
- Implemented Geofencing technologies to encourage social distancing and track when to send out reminders

## National Honor Society App

July 2019 – Jan 2020

- Developed both the iOS and Android mobile application for school's NHS club
- Incorporated Google Firebase to create a personalized experience for users

## **CUSD Equity Symposium App**

Nov 2018 - May 2020

- Produced iOS app for the Chandler school district's annual equity symposium
- Integrated Google Firebase to build a login system and to store symposium information in a database

## Skin Cancer Diagnosis using Neural Networks

Aug 2018 - April 2019

- Built CNNs and Generative Adversarial Networks in Keras + Tensorflow to improve computer diagnosis of skin cancer

#### Skills and Interests

Skills: Java, Python, Swift, C++, Keras, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Numpy, Pandas, Git/Github, HTML, CSS, LaTeX, Scikit-learn, SwiftUI Miscellaneous Skills: Photoshop, Autodesk Inventor, Solidworks CAD, Welding, CNC Machine, Soldering, Milling Interests: Photography, Tennis, Snowboarding, Adversarial Attacks in Machine Learning, Robotics, Airplanes